

## THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN NORTH CAROLINA

Progress of the Democratic Fight for White Supremacy in Different Portions of the State.

### THE TACTICS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Why a Few Negro Poll Holders Have Been Appointed—Politics Make Strange Bed Fellows—Registration Books Taken From Registrar on the Highway by a Mob—A Vulgar Harangue—Scouting Danger—Democrats Everywhere in Fine Shape—A New Railroad—General W. P. Roberts Talks Entertainingly and Instructively to Our Suffolk, Va., Correspondent About the Situation.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Raleigh, N. C., July 26.—On August 22 it will be determined whether the white people or the negro will hereafter dominate in this State. We have had negro rule long enough, and the determination is to throw it off and restore the white people to the control of affairs. The canvass has been warm, but very encouraging to the Democrats. The fight is over the adoption of an amendment to the constitution limiting the franchise, and the election of State officers. We expect to win a victory. We have been forbearing, whereas the negroes and Republicans and certain of their Populist allies are very offensive. Serious trouble will not be surprising. When it will come or where it will appear cannot be foretold.

#### REPUBLICAN ACTIVITY.

The Republicans are sending out a circular, claiming that Democrats, in certain eastern counties, have appointed negro poll-holders. Inquiry about this matter shows that in a large number of precincts in the black counties of the east the Republican party is composed entirely, or almost entirely, of negroes. Senator Travis, of Halifax, who is also chairman of the executive committee of the county, stated to-day that there were ten precincts in Halifax county in which there was not a single white Populist or white Republican. Other members of the legislature from the east make the same statement about their counties. It is a well known fact that everybody living in the eastern part of the State that this is true of a good many precincts in the black counties; and in these counties some few negroes have been appointed poll-holders to represent the Republican party. Who says that in the past?

#### STRANGE BED FELLOWS.

The News and Observer say: Politics make strange bed-fellows. Here's what bedded down together in the capital yesterday: Governor Russell, the Man without a Party, Butler, the Populist chairman, State and national. Ben Duke, of the American Tobacco Company. Bluejean Holton, the Republican State chairman, with the Jaybird confederates. They were in conference. They conferred long and secretly. What did they do? In the language of Mr. Kipling that is another story that will tell at another time. The fat-frying process must not be crushed in its infancy. Suffice us to say: Butler and the Octopus have lain down together; Russell and Holton have buried the hatchet.

#### REGISTRATION BOOKS TAKEN.

A special from Clinton says: Mr. W. A. Baggett, registrar of Honeycutt township, reports that on last Saturday evening he left the voting place after sundown to go to his home, about seven miles distant, with a mule and buggy; that just before reaching his house, six men and a dog, two of whom caught the mule by the bridle and the other four rushed to the buggy, two on each side, and he said: "Men, what are you doing?" They replied: "Be quiet and we will not hurt you." In the darkness he could see that they were armed with pistols or clubs, he could not say which. Just then still another man in a red shirt said: "Boys, I have got it," and on looking back he saw a number of men, fifteen or twenty-five, in the rear of him. On account of the darkness he failed to recognize any of the crowd. They appeared to have a black mask on their faces. One of them then spoke and asked: "Are you certain you got it?" Another one replied: "Yes," let him go. The other man then spoke to Mr. Baggett and said: "Old man, you got now." The two men at the mule's head turned him loose, and Mr. Baggett drove on to his home, about half a mile distant, and examined his buggy and found his registration book and papers all taken by the mob. He believes from a threat made by a Populist that there would be no election held at Honeycutt's, that a crowd of Populists took the books. He is strengthened in this belief by the fact that the book showed twenty-seven Democratic majority, not counting any of the doubtful ones as Democrats.

#### A VULGAR HARANGUE.

At Sparta Wednesday Ruff Henderson, Frank Linney and others spoke at Whitehead, four miles from this place. After Mr. Daney, a Democratic speaker, had finished, Henderson and H. P. Jones went to Felix Turk, a negro who had been refused the right of registration because he was not old enough, and Jones held the negro's head while "Rough" examined his teeth. After a thorough examination "Rough" announced from the speaker's stand that the negro was 23 years old, and in a vulgar harangue boasted that he was a United States Commissioner, and that the registrar had better register him or he (Henderson) would see that he got in trouble.

#### SCOUTING DANGER.

We learn from Durham that John V. Rigbee, the Republican-Populist fusion candidate for the office of sheriff of Durham county, the same man who said that he would "shoulder his gun and go to the polls on election day," rather than see his old friends disfranchised, tried to intimidate Mr. J. H. Allen, the registrar at Five Points

precinct, in this city. Rigbee brought a negro to be registered. Mr. Allen hesitated about registering him because he looked too young. Rigbee insisted on the negro being registered, but Mr. Allen still refused until he could have absolute proof as to his age. This Rigbee would not swear to, neither would other witnesses. Because of Mr. Allen's determination to comply with the law, Rigbee threatened him with prosecution. This should be a case in point for President McKinley's attention, for Rigbee is a colored office-holder, a deputy revenue collector, who leaves his Federal business to intimidate a State officer in the discharge of his duties.

#### DEMOCRATS IN FINE SHAPE.

The Democratic member of the Legislature here Wednesday brought encouraging reports from all parts of the State. The Democratic party was never so well organized and in such good shape on the eve of an election. Senator J. A. Brown, of Columbus, said that conditions in his county had greatly improved in the last week or so. "I never saw anything like it," Mr. Brown said. "The improvement in the situation started all at once and has continued to grow."

Representative Nicholson, of Beaufort, said: "The Democrats in my county are better organized than ever before. The Democrats of Beaufort are enthusiastic and will carry the county by a big majority."

Mr. Henry Gilliam, the popular representative from Edgecomb, says the Democrats of the Second District were never so enthusiastic as at present. Mr. Gilliam says the Democrats of Edgecomb are aroused and will roll up a big majority for white supremacy and the State ticket.

Senator Coolidge, of Nash, arrived after the Legislature adjourned. Mr. Coolidge left home to attend the session of the Legislature in the face of the fact that "Governor" Aycock spoke at Nashville, his home, yesterday. He regretted very much to leave at the time, but he felt it his duty to be here.

#### A NEW RAILROAD.

A special from Greensboro says: "Quite a pleasant occasion was that of the breaking ground to-day at Greensboro, first steps in the building of the Great Eastern railway. J. W. Lynch, the president of the enterprise, threw the first dirt. J. D. Davis, of Fremont, welcomed and encouraged the enterprise. L. V. Morill, of Snow Hill, and Jos. E. Robinson delivered short speeches along encouraging lines. A sumptuous feast was given in the Town Hall and a general good time had."

#### GENERAL ROBERTS TALKS.

Our Suffolk, Va., correspondent sends us the following: General W. P. Roberts, of Gates county, N. C., talked with eloquence and feeling when asked about the political battle for white supremacy the people in his State are waging. General Roberts is a member of the North Carolina State Committee and was formerly consul to Victoria, British Columbia. He also had the distinction of being the youngest general in the Confederate service during the civil war. He was commissioned brigadier-general at the age of 23.

General Roberts says there is no sort of doubt that the Democratic candidate Aycock will win for Governor. He estimated Aycock's majority at 45,000 to 50,000, and claims that he will be supported by quite a number of Republicans and Populists whose hatred for Democracy is less strong than their allegiance to Anglo-Saxon blood.

General Roberts says the proposed amendment will disfranchise at least 70,000 illiterate voters. There are now in North Carolina something like 125,000 colored voters, almost all of whom white Republicans and Populists can control State elections.

It is the most exciting campaign North Carolinians have known in thirty years. There is much race feeling, but General Roberts does not anticipate serious bloodshed before election day. Even then conservative citizens will use active measures to prevent rioting and the like.

There is reliable information from another source that the people are arming themselves with weapons of various sorts. A number of Winchester rifles has been sought in Suffolk. Human life will not be sacrificed if it can be avoided, but there is a feeling of apprehension which is partially alleviated by the sense of security induced by fire arms.

General Roberts says the red-shirted men and red-ribboned women who appear at the big meetings come in that color because it is emblematical of the blood which will be spilled if necessary. The General regards Candidate Aycock as one of the most eloquent political speakers in the South. He has the gift of swaying an audience to a remarkable degree.

General Roberts does not think that Senator Marion Butler will succeed himself. There's to be a big political demonstration next Thursday at Gatesville, General Roberts' home. There will be free things to eat.

#### EDENTON.

THE LATE BASEBALL GAME—PERSONAL MENTION.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Edenton, N. C., July 26.—We notice in the Elizabeth City items of the Virginian-Pilot yesterday that the correspondent claims that we were in error in regards to the number of hits made off Hawkins in the Elizabeth City-Edenton game of ball here last Friday. In reply will say that we got our information from the official score card,

and wrote up the game according to same. The writer claims that Cross was at bat four times, making a hit each time. After again referring to the card we will give Cross' batting record: First inning he secured first base on an error; third inning, was thrown out from second to first; sixth inning, he made a three-bagger; and in the eighth was thrown out from pitcher to first. Now, in reply to the latter part of the article, will say that if the Elizabeth City manager wishes to have another game with the same teams for a purse, all he will have to do is to place the coin to be covered, the game to be played at Hertford. The same old story, when a club is defeated, the umpire does it all.

Mr. William Shannonhouse, of Hertford, delivered an address to the Democratic Club last evening, which was greatly enjoyed by the large audience of ladies and gentlemen present.

Hon. W. F. Beasley, Rev. J. L. Rumley and Rev. D. A. Braswell, of Plymouth, were at the Bay View yesterday.

#### ELIZABETH CITY.

GRAND SUPPER—A SUICIDE THWARTED—PERSONAL.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Elizabeth City, N. C., July 26.—The Red Men gave a supper last night in their rooms, Main and Poindexter streets. There was a large crowd present, and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Late yesterday evening Mr. Cliff Holwell, an employee of the city, was found unconscious. He drank two bottles of laudanum with suicidal intent, but medical aid was at once summoned, and he soon recovered.

Mr. Miles Jennings is busily engaged repairing the steam pile driver which was broken a few days ago while driving piles for the foundation for Pinner & Co.'s new brick building on Poindexter street.

A large number of our young people left yesterday to attend a picnic at Shiloh. They reported a very pleasant time.

Mrs. Kisse Tatem departed this life last night at her home on Run Road. Mr. Harry Davis, who has been spending several days in the city visiting Mr. Will Wood, on Church street, returned to Norfolk yesterday.

A large number of our people left yesterday to attend the District Conference, which meets in Moyock. Miss Lummie Ballance is very ill at her home in Second street.

#### OXFORD.

GRAND DEMOCRATIC RALLY—COURT—PERSONAL.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Oxford, N. C., July 26.—There will be a big barbecue, a brass band, a grand Democratic rally, and an all day speaking at Brasfield's, this county, on July 31. Everybody from adjoining counties are invited. Barbecue has been prepared for five thousand persons. Judge Winston, of Durham, and Congressman W. W. Kitchen, of this district, are among the speakers.

At the Colored Orphan Asylum to-day they are observing with appropriate exercises their tenth anniversary. This institution has under its care one hundred and twenty children. It receives from the State annually three thousand dollars.

Judge Hoke is here holding the present term of court. Among the visiting lawyers are Mr. Robert Burton, of Raleigh, and Judge R. W. Winston, of Durham.

Miss T. B. Kingsbury and Miss Maud Kingsbury, of Wilmington, are visiting Mrs. W. D. Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stark, of Danville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith.

The crops in this county have been greatly revived by the rains of this week.

#### SNOWDEN.

MARRIAGE OF DR. MANN AND MISS BELL.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Snowden, N. C., July 26.—Perkins' Chapel, near Snowden, was the scene of a most brilliant wedding yesterday afternoon, when Dr. S. M. Mann, a highly successful and popular physician of Moyock, N. C., led to the altar Miss Lula C. Bell, the charming daughter of Mrs. E. A. Bell, of Snowden, N. C.

Mr. Arthur Mann, a brother of the groom, acted as best man, and Miss Marie Stevens was maid of honor. Dr. H. S. Willey, of Snowden, N. C., and Mr. F. C. Baxter, of Norfolk, Va., were the ushers, and deserve the highest praise in so successfully handling the immense audience.

The presents were useful, handsome and numerous. The happy pair left on the afternoon train for Baltimore, Washington, Niagara Falls, and other places of interest.

They will be at home to their friends at Moyock, N. C., after August 24. We extend to the happy pair our best wishes for a long and useful life, and trust that their shall be a cloudless sky.

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#### NEW BERN.

WHITE SUPREMACY CLUBS—A LADY'S DEATH.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Newbern, N. C., July 26.—A white supremacy club has been formed at Good Hope School House, No. 2 Township. G. L. Arthur, president, Askin, John Stilly, vice-president, Zorah, John Whitford, secretary, Zorah. There was a large crowd out, and the people seem to take a great interest in the club. They intend to give the amendment a large majority.

DEATH OF MRS. LUCAS. Mrs. Lydia Lucas passed away Monday morning. She had been indisposed for some time, but her condition was not thought to be so serious. The end came painlessly and without a struggle.

#### HE ANSWERS BISHOP POTTER.

Soldier Says Troops in Philippines are Not Healthy.

Trenton, N. J., July 25.—A letter has been received in this city from Harry Landolt, who is serving in the United States army in the Philippines as a member of the Twenty-eighth United States Infantry, in which he says that the statements made by Bishop Potter relative to the condition of troops in the Philippines are untrue.

Speaking of the Bishop's statement that the soldiers are all in excellent shape physically, Landolt says: "Of course he ought to know because he drove out in a magnificent carriage with hired attendants and saw the members of a certain regiment who have never left Manila, doing guard duty, looking sleek, well dressed and healthy."

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"The Bishop says: 'What the men want more than anything else is work.' Is it possible that the man is in his right senses? Do we want work; we, who from the first gray light of dawn until dark, and often all night, march and fight alternatively, carrying burdens upon our shoulders that would stagger a laborer?"

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